

FATHER SAYS ELLIS HAS BEEN A CRIMINAL SINCE A CHILD

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 26.—By the admission of his aged father, Joseph Ellis, 17, sought by the police as the murderer of Joseph Shalansky, a clothing dealer, who was lured to a room in a local hotel last Monday, has been a criminal since a child.

The boy's father states that the family was forced to move to escape disgrace, from Los Angeles to Richmond, Va., from which city young Ellis started and robbed merchants in Philadelphia, Detroit, Cleveland, Toledo, Louisville and Indianapolis, and made unsuccessful attempts to lure merchants to hotels in dozens of other cities from coast to coast. Previously he had become the ward of the Los Angeles juvenile court on account of petty thefts.

Ellis added wife desertion to his list of crimes when he married Audra Baker, 16, in Danville, Ill., on July 5, and deserted her within a week. Driven from home she came here and was here when Ellis killed Shalansky. She attempted suicide to escape her disgrace and is in a serious condition.

At some time in his career of crime Ellis met a double in Fred Brokaw of Tacoma, Wash., another young crook with a bad record in the navy. Brokaw's career is so closely mixed with that of Ellis that the police are convinced they adopted the same methods of hotel robberies and used their resemblance, which is striking, for mutual alibis when in trouble.

Brokaw turned up in Washington, D. C., as a ward of the juvenile court and in Pittsburgh, Pa., as hotel robber, and is now under arrest in San Francisco for the Pittsburgh crime.

The police have no clue to Ellis since he left Indianapolis, following the murder of Shalansky.

Orator, passionately—From the day I was twelve I earned my own living! I owe no man a penny. Gentlemen, I made myself! A voice—Well, you made a mistake!

FINED \$20 FOR ENDANGERING LIVES OF SCORES OF GIRLS

New York, Sept. 26.—Max Blanck, in whose Triangle Shirtwaist factory 147 girls were burned to death on March 25, 1911, because the doors were locked on them so they could not get out, was today convicted in the court of special sessions of locking the three exits of his new factory, 79 Fifth avenue, where 150 girls are employed.

Justice Russell fined him \$20.

In imposing the minimum penalty, the court offered Blanck the alternative of five days in the penitentiary. He smiled, pulled out a "roll" of money as thick as his arm, peeled off a \$20 bill and walked out.

The burning to death of the 147 girls was a tragedy that appalled the entire country at the time it occurred. The doors had been locked to keep the girls from stealing remnants of cloth or spools of thread. The place was a regular firetrap and when the girls found they could not get out some of them choked to death like rats in a trap and others jumped from the windows and were crushed to death when they struck the sidewalk.

SHE DID IT



Diggs—I see Henpeck didn't join the lodge. Change his mind?

Daggs—No, he didn't have to. His wife attended to that.